



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF FARMINGTON

*Church of the Open Hands*

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In preparing our hearts for worship, we will be dimming the lights in the narthex, indicating a time to prepare ourselves for worship. Please enter the sanctuary quietly and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.

## July 14, 2024

# 8th Sunday after Pentecost

### Prayer of Preparation

*Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

### **We Enter into God's Presence**

\*Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Brad Nix

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Bruce Mulder

*Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards*

Congregational Life

Manny Sharpe

\*Call to Worship

Manny Sharpe

As we are called into worship today it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him.

Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

**We open our eyes to see his glory.**

**We open our ears to hear his wisdom.**

**We open our hands to offer him gifts.**

**We open our mouths to sing his praise.**

**We open our hearts to offer him our love.**

**Jesus Christ is Lord!**

**Let us worship the Lord. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn #698

*Take, O Take Me As I Am*

John L. Bell

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your deal up on my heart and live in me. [REPEAT]**

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness—*Psalms 103*

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.  
For he knows how we were made;  
he remembers that we are dust.  
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from  
everlasting to everlasting  
on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.

**We Hear God's Word**

Reading 1

*Psalms 85:8-13*

Manny Sharpe

*New Revised Standard Version*

- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.<sup>[a]</sup>
- <sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
- <sup>11</sup> Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
- <sup>12</sup> The LORD will give what is good,



**We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray together:**

**“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”**

## **We Follow God’s Word into the World**

\*Hymn of Sending# 747

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

Jose Aguiar

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth a better place to live. [REPEAT]**

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain to  
do what we were meant to do in Jesus’ name;**

**that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. [REPEAT]**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

*Toccata in 7*

John Rutter

### **Please Welcome Soloist**

A native of Southeast Michigan, Jono Taccolini completed a Masters in Voice Performance degree at the University of Michigan School of Music Theater and Dance (SMTD) in 2022. He previously appeared in SMTD’s production of Rise for Freedom (Sroufe), Cendrillon (Le Doyen de la Faculté), and Die Fledermaus (Dr. Blind). He graduated from Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music with Vocal Performance Honors. He appeared in numerous GVSU Opera Theater productions including Urinetown (Hotblades Harry), Company (Paul), Godspell (Disciple), Gianni Schicchi (Pinellino), and returned as a guest artist in the 2017 production of Sweeney Todd (Anthony). Jono has sung with the Opera Grand Rapids Chorus, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Chorus and has appeared as a soloist throughout the state including performing the Beethoven Mass in C with Hope College, the Bach cantata Gottes Zeit ist die Allerbeste Zeit with Concordia University, in Handel’s Messiah with the Detroit Community Chorus. Most at home in the choir loft singing sacred music, Jono sings at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit specializing in sacred polyphony and Gregorian chant and has directed

and sung in chant scholas around the state and abroad. At GVSU, Jono was a recipient of the Laker Scholarship and the Leslie Eitzen Voice Scholarship and at SMTD he was the recipient of the Leslie Greer Voice Scholarship.

### **Worship Liturgist**

We welcome Manny Sharpe as today's liturgist. Our liturgist for July 21<sup>st</sup> is Sue Carlson. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.

### **Backpacks for Foster Kids**

Join the Mission team on Sunday, July 21 at 11:30am in Knox Hall as we fill backpacks that will be given to children in the foster care system. We will provide all the supplies.

### **Growing Hands Garden and Nutrition Project**

First Presbyterian Church Farmington is partnering again for a second summer with Danika Community Development Inc. (DCDI) to provide the Growing Hands Gardening and Nutrition Class. The class is structured to have half the time in the classroom and half the time in our garden. The class meets from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. every Saturday throughout the summer and covers growing herbs, how to make your own compost, fermenting, healthy eating habits, and much more. You are welcome to join us as we build a learning community centered around growing our own veggies and living a healthy lifestyle. If you would like to join us, please let Tom Neal, Colleen Tavor, or Sharon Cressman know which Saturday morning you are available. It is a great opportunity to meet new folks and to learn something new.



### **Name Tags**

Please let the office know if you should need a new name tag by emailing Carly or leaving a note on her desk. Contact her by email: [info@farmington-pres.org](mailto:info@farmington-pres.org) These are printed once per month to conserve on paper.

### **Church Security**

Although we're all eager to be outside and enjoy the warmer weather, be sure to take just a few extra seconds and make certain that doors are locked if you visit the church during off-hours. That includes removing any doorstops, resuming toggle switches to "lock mode" and giving the doors a tug to ensure they're locked. Thanks for keeping the building and our church staff safe.

### **Contacting Pastor Bruce**

If you'd like to connect with Pastor Bruce: [bruce.mulder@farmington-pres.org](mailto:bruce.mulder@farmington-pres.org) His information is also on the UCD app.

### **Bulletin Announcement Reminder**

All announcements must be turned in the week prior; no later than **Tuesday at 12pm** or they will not go in the bulletin until the following week. Announcement request must include the dates in which it should be placed and removed in the bulletin. Font Size: Arial Narrow, Size 14. It is best if the announcements are attached in a word document with an email. Moving forward,

announcements will not be edited or written up from verbal or phone call requests. Please email them to [info@farmington-pres.org](mailto:info@farmington-pres.org) Additionally, as a reminder, you will need prior approval for inclusion of an activity in the church calendar. Contact the church office at [info@farmington-pres.org](mailto:info@farmington-pres.org) with any questions and/or submissions.

### **Preschool Open Enrollment**



The Preschool is now open for enrollment for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Please spread the word about our Preschool to friends and family who may be interested in enrolling. The program offers 2.5s, 3s and Pre-K (4s) classes. Please visit the website: <https://farmingtonprespreschool.org/enroll/> or call the preschool: (248) 474-9752 to schedule a tour and/or pick up your enrollment forms.

### **FPCF's Shopping List for CARES**

Have you picked up your CARES shopping list yet? Look for it in the pew backs or the Mission bulletin board. Take it with you to the store. The items on the list are those most needed by the guests at CARES. Here is a suggestion: If you see a BOGO Sale (Buy One, Get One), pick up the free item for CARES.

### **Adult Bible Discussion – The Wired Word**

Join our Bible discussion **Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in 208/210**. Advance copies are available the Saturday before by email. To get on the email list, please contact Tom Neal at [ttneal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ttneal@sbcglobal.net).

### **Hospitality Time Schedule**

You are invited to bring ONE food item on ONE Sunday each month. Your Sunday depends on the first letter of your last name. It would be greatly appreciated if you are also able to help with set-up or clean-up. Please note healthy options are welcome as well such as fruit, eggs, cheese & crackers, veggies etc. Here's the upcoming schedule:

- July 21: Last names beginning S-Z
- July 28: Last names beginning A-D
- August 4: Last names beginning E-K
- August 11: Last names beginning L-R

### **On-Call List for Personnel**

The Personnel Committee is putting together an on-call list of people who could be available to volunteer to staff the office in the event that all office staff are sick or simultaneously out of the office. Please email Pastor Bruce [bruce.mulder@farmington-pres.org](mailto:bruce.mulder@farmington-pres.org), Bob Van Hamme [mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com](mailto:mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com) or Sally Kirsten [sckirsten@hotmail.com](mailto:sckirsten@hotmail.com) for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

### **COVID-19 or Flu Symptoms**

Please be mindful if you have symptoms, stay home, and take care of yourself and others.

### **News from the Church Office**

If you or someone you know has an administrative background and would be interested in working in the office for six hours per week, please let Sally Kirsten or Bob Van Hamme know. Bob Van Hamme [mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com](mailto:mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com) or Sally Kirsten [sckirsten@hotmail.com](mailto:sckirsten@hotmail.com).

**Summer Office Hours**

Summer hours are in effect (The office is open **on Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** and **closed on Monday’s and Friday’s**. As a reminder, please contact the church office via telephone at (248) 474-6170 or email at [info@farmington-pres.org](mailto:info@farmington-pres.org). It will be a very good idea to call ahead if you need to come into the building.

**Office and Church Donations**

Please note, regarding dropping off items and or donations to the church office, prior approval is required for ANY donations. If you leave something on the desk of Pastor Bruce and/or Carly’s desk, kindly leave a message of what the item is, what needs to be done with it, who is leaving the item and whom to contact.

First Presbyterian Church Staff	
Transitional Pastor	The Rev. Bruce Mulder
Ministers of the Church	Members of the Congregation
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